

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 3413–3425; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 378, 381–382 were introduced. **Page H6431**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H6432**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows; H.R. 3045, to implement the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (Rept. 109–182);

H. Res. 379, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 525) to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve access and choice for entrepreneurs with small businesses with respect to medical care for their employees (Rept. 109–183); and

H. Res. 380, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 22) to reform the postal laws of the United States (Rept. 109–184). **Page H6431**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Conaway to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H6383**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:49 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6385**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the establishment of a day to commemorate woman suffragists:* H.J. Res. 59, amended, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the establishment of an appropriate day for the commemoration of the women suffragists who fought for and won the right of women to vote in the United States, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 378 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 417; **Pages H6387–88, H6405**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read “joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the woman suffragists who fought for and won the right of women to vote in the United States.”

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*Supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month:* H. Con. Res. 181, amended, supporting the goals and ideals of National Life Insurance Awareness Month, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 418;

**Pages H6388–89, H6406**

*Honoring former President William Jefferson Clinton on the occasion of his 59th birthday:* H.

Res. 329, honoring former President William Jefferson Clinton on the occasion of his 59th birthday;

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*Supporting the goals and ideals of the National Health Center Week:* H. Res. 289, amended, supporting the goals and ideals of National Health Center Week in order to raise awareness of health services provided by community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health centers; **Pages H6390–92**

*Supporting the goals of “A Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval”:* H. Res. 294, supporting the goals of “A Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval”; **Pages H6392–93**

*Boone Pickens Post Office Building Designation Act:* S. 775, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 W. 7th Street in Holdenville, Oklahoma, as the “Boone Pickens Post Office”—clearing the measure for the President;

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*Congresswoman Shirley A. Chisholm Post Office Building Designation Act:* S. 571, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1915 Fulton Street in Brooklyn, New York, as the “Congresswoman Shirley A. Chisholm Post Office Building”—clearing the measure for the President;

**Pages H6395–97**

*Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation Grand Coulee Dam Equitable Compensation Settlement Act:* H.R. 1797, providing for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam; **Pages H6398–H6400**

*Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the FTC should investigate the publication of the video game “Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas”:* H. Res. 376, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Federal Trade Commission should investigate the publication of the video game “Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas” to determine if the publisher intentionally deceived the Entertainment Software Ratings Board to avoid an “Adults-Only” rating, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 355 yeas to 21 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll. No. 419. **Pages H6401–05, H6406–07**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read “Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Federal Trade Commission should investigate the publication of the video game ‘Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas’ to determine if the publisher deceived

the Entertainment Software Ratings Board to avoid an 'Adults-Only' rating." **Page H6407**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police who were killed in the line of duty defending the Capitol against an intruder armed with a gun on July 24, 1998. **Page H6406**

**Suspension—Proceeding Postponed:** The House completed debate on the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further consideration will continue at a later date.

**Paul Kasten Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 2977, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 306 2nd Avenue in Brockway, Montana, as the "Paul Kasten Post Office Building"; **Pages H6393–94**

**Abraham Lincoln Birthplace Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 2894, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 102 South Walters Avenue in Hodgenville, Kentucky, as the "Abraham Lincoln Birthplace Post Office Building"; **Pages H6394–95**

**James T. Malloy Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 3339, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2061 South Park Avenue in Buffalo, New York, as the "James T. Malloy Post Office Building"; and **Pages H6397–98**

**Supporting the goals of National Marina Day:** H. Res. 308, supporting the goals of National Marina Day and urging marinas continue providing environmentally friendly gateways to boating. **Pages H6400–01**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:47 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H6405**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** 3 yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6405, H6406, and H6406–07. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### HOMELAND SECURITY DEPARTMENT REVIEW

**Committee on Homeland Security:** Concluded hearings entitled "The Secretary's Second-State Review: Rethinking the Department of Homeland Security's Organization and Policy Direction." Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

### POSTAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND ENHANCEMENT ACT

**Committee on Rules:** Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 22, Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Government Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Government Reform. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, and provided that those amendments may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Tom Davis of Virginia and Representatives McHugh and Waxman.

### SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH FAIRNESS ACT OF 2005

**Committee on Rules:** Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 525, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Kind of Wisconsin or his designee, which shall be considered and read, and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman